

Questions for Week 8 (August 17)

15. Sexual Morality

1. How is Christian chastity different than social rules of modesty?
2. What is the food analogy that Lewis uses to demonstrate that our sexual instinct has gone wrong?
3. In regards to sex, does Christian philosophy contradict the following statement: "There is nothing to be ashamed of in the fact that the human race reproduces itself in a certain way, nor in the fact that it gives pleasure."?
4. Do you think that our sexual instinct has been corrupted?
5. Do you think that Christian chastity is impossible? According to Lewis, what is the most fatal thing we can do when faced with this seeming impossibility?
6. Is unchastity the supreme Christian vice? If not, what is?

16. Christian Marriage

1. The sexual impulse in man works best in ...
2. The words "one flesh" could be translated __ in modern English.
3. Using another food analogy, Lewis compares the isolation of sexual pleasure with...
4. All Christian denominations agree that divorce is more like having both legs cut off than...
5. According to Lewis, the most common reason for people who get married in church as a mere formality is...
6. According to Lewis, living together outside of marriage causes one to be guilty on two accounts which are...
7. According to Lewis, what does the passion of love impel two people to do?
8. Why does ceasing to be "in love" need not mean ceasing to love?

9. Why is Lewis against forcing the laws of Christian marriage on people through government regulation?
10. What example does Lewis cite to support the idea that the headship of man over women is natural in marriage?
11. Why is a man better suited for dealing with the family's "foreign policy," according to Lewis? Do you agree?

Resources:

Audio of this book can heard on our podcast or at our webpage at <http://www.beaconnet.org>

A professional recording can be heard on YouTube, with Chapter 16 beginning in this file:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuXic_wa8mE

The **radio address** that became the final chapter of *Mere Christianity* is here in Lewis' own voice:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/people/cslewis_16.shtml

The entire text can be read on-line here (among other places):

<http://www.philosophyforlife.com/mctoc.htm>

A more detailed study guide can be downloaded here (the next-to-last file):

<http://scholia.net/mccoy.html>

Finally, **a detailed outline designed for small group leaders** can be found below. It may also be useful for general use or review:

http://www.opendiscipleship.org/Mere_Christianity_leaders_notes

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